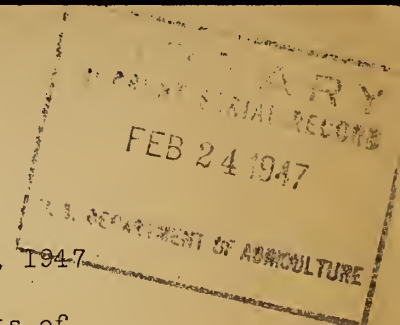


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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of March, 1947

There has been some decrease in refrigerator car loadings, particularly in the Midwest due to weather conditions. The supply continues tight in all producing areas due to slow movement of empties the first two weeks in February as a result of the extreme weather conditions. Potato loadings in Maine and fruit loadings in the Pacific Northwest have decreased, and there is a considerable back-log of perishable freight to be moved from the Midwest. Potato loadings in general have been off due to poor market conditions.

The recent freeze in Florida caused heavy damage to the tender crops. Of these, snap beans occupy the largest acreage, followed in order by potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, peas, lima beans, cucumbers and eggplant. As a result of the embargo placed on the shipment of citrus from Florida during the period February 12-18, inclusive, and the reduction in movement of other perishables, forwardings from Florida will be materially curtailed for the last half of February.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 74,612 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of March 1947, compared with a revised estimate of 64,321 cars in February 1947, and a decrease of 14.3 per cent as compared with the 86,030 cars shipped during March 1946.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during March 1947, have been estimated to reach approximately 7,358. Those that will move in volume are shown in the following table:

North Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	2,190	300	5
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	20	-	-
Onions	-	80	45
Pears	35	250	-
Potatoes	100	300	4,000

Fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to move in volume in carload lots from the South Pacific Region during March 1947, are as follows:

South Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Apples	40	-
Asparagus	300	-
Carrots	1,450	450

South Pacific Region (Cont'd)

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Cauliflower	1,880	50
Celery	760	200
Broccoli	500	30
Cabbage	380	45
Grapefruit	150	300
Lemons	1,200	-
Lettuce & Romaine	3,100	4,600
Mixed Citrus Fruits	60	10
Mixed Vegetables	1,200	325
Oranges & Satsumas	2,900	125
Pears	50	-
Peas, green	400	2
Potatoes	400	-

Total estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during March 1947, will aggregate 1,637 carloads. Of this total about 74 percent are estimated to move from Colorado. The potato movements are estimated to be as follows: Colorado, 1,200 carloads; Wyoming, 200 carloads; Montana and Utah 100 carloads each. Colorado is also expected to ship 20 carloads of onions and 10 carloads of mixed vegetables.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during March 1947, are estimated to be 6,834. A trifle more than 98 percent of these movements are estimated to consist of potatoes. These potato shipments are expected to originate as follows: 3,500 cars from North Dakota; 2,400 cars from Minnesota; 600 cars from Nebraska; 200 cars from South Dakota, and 35 cars from Iowa. The only other important shipments are estimated to be 50 cars of onions and 40 cars of mixed vegetables from Minnesota.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas), during the month of March 1947, will approximate 1,103. Those to move in volume will practically all originate in Louisiana and are estimated to be: 460 cars of sweetpotatoes; 450 cars of strawberries; 80 cars of cabbage; and 60 cars of mixed vegetables. In addition, however, 25 carloads of apples are estimated to move out of Missouri.

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region during the month of March, 1947, will approximate 643. Only the important movements are listed below by States of origin and they are:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Apples	5	-
Carrots	10	-
Cabbage	10	8
Mixed Vegetables	5	10
Onions	160	55
Potatoes	300	310
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	10

Estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region during March 1947, should approximate 8,225 carloads. These will be confined entirely to potatoes and are as follows: 8,000 carloads from Maine; 95 carloads from Connecticut; 65 carloads from Rhode Island; 60 carloads from Massachusetts, and 5 carloads from Vermont.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic States during March 1947 have been estimated to total around 1,147. About 90 percent of these carlot movements are expected to originate in New York State. The balance will be distributed throughout the States of New Jersey and Pennsylvania and will consist of 20 cars of Irish potatoes and 25 cars of sweetpotatoes from New Jersey and 50 cars of Irish potatoes from Pennsylvania. The principal movements from New York State follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads
	<u>New York State</u>
Carrots	80
Beets	10
Cabbage	25
Onions	630
Potatoes	270

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during March 1947, are estimated to be as follows:

Southern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads		
	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Asparagus	-	35	-
Apples	-	-	90
Cabbage	35	65	-
Greens (except Spinach)	50	5	-
Mixed Vegetables	65	30	70
Spinach	-	-	160
Sweetpotatoes	-	55	-

In addition to the above 40 cars of sweetpotatoes are expected to originate in North Carolina and 25 cars in Tennessee. It is also estimated that 20 cars of cabbage will originate in Alabama.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during March 1947, are estimated as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	-	300
Carrots	800	140
Celery	-	2,500
Beets	95	-
Cabbage	1,180	1,010

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads (Cont'd)	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Cucumbers	-	20
Escarole	-	160
Grapefruit	3,500	1,100
Lettuce & Romaine	-	20
Mixed Citrus Fruit	500	1,600
Mixed Vegetables	1,800	1,100
Onions	30	-
Oranges & Satsumas	300	5,900
Peppers, green	-	110
Potatoes	50	1,420
Spinach	790	-
Sweetpotatoes	45	-
Tangerines	-	400
Tomatoes	-	790

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